

# **PRESS RELEASE**

**Congressman John Conyers, Jr.**  
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## **CONYERS KEEPS WATCHFUL EYE ON MARKETPLACE PIRACY DISCUSSIONS**

Congressman John Conyers, Jr., Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee, issued the following statement regarding today's announcement of anti-piracy principles by the Recording Industry Association, the Business Software Alliance, and the Computer Systems Policy Project:

"It is long past time for a solution to the problem of Internet shoplifting, and I commend the content and high-tech industries for trying to work out the digital piracy problem through marketplace negotiations. For too long, too many artists and creators have had the fruits of their labor stolen over the Internet. Rampant piracy is threatening the financial viability of our recording and movie industries, and will no doubt continue as a critical priority for Congress. My colleagues and I will be monitoring these negotiations very closely, and I am prepared to press for legislative action should the negotiations break down."

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